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Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: April 19, 1968

FROM : WILLIAM JOHN SPRING

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On this date at 2:30pm, JOHN GROSS, 3429 E. 28th Ave., Denver, Colorado, 322-1337, telephonically advised that while he was at a service station located at 28th and Welton Street, he observed a 1958 or 1959 Pontiac come to the station to obtain gas. GROSS said that the driver of the vehicle resembled ERIC STARVO GALT, and there was another male individual in the car with him.

He further stated that the man appeared very nervous and made the comment that it seemed cold here indicating, according to GROSS, that the man was new to the area. He advised that the vehicle bore Colorado License PH7888.

The individual was wearing a black sweater and GROSS said that he fit the description of GALT.

According to Arapahoe County Court House, Littleton, Colorado, the license PH7888 is registered to ANDREW J. MURRAY, 13710 Hoffman Blvd., Aurora, Colorado, on a 1956 Buick four door station wagon. City Directories negative.

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FROM: SAC, DENVER (157-203) (P)

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FROM : ASAC MORLEY

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Mr. FINLAND said he is completely available concerning any information regarding this matter, including any necessary review of the Loveland Memorial Hospital records.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4-18-68

FROM : JOHN R. WANDS
Security Patrol Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 5:40 PM, 4-18-68, W. H. HOWARD, 2552 Meadow Brook Drive, Denver, Tel # 428-6279, telephonically advised he is a bartender at the Brown Palace Hotel. He stated there was a person at the bar at approximately 3:30 PM, today, who closely resembled the photo he has seen of GALT. He stated this person was very nervous, has sandy hair combed back, well built, about 5'10" 170 lbs., drank bourban and water and stayed about 45 minutes.

HOWARD advised that at one time this person claimed he paid for his drink with a ten dollar bill and he, HOWARD, said it was only a one. HOWARD said he told this person to come back 4-19-68 and if the cash register showed a nine dollar difference when it was checked tonight they would give him back his money. HOWARD said this person agreed and said he would show up at approximately noon 4-19-68.

HOWARD stated he does not know if this person is staying at the Brown Palace and never has seen him before.

HOWARD requested his name be kept confidential and he did not want the hotel officials to know he called this office.

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ACQUAINTANCES INTERVIEWED

Character of Galt Emerges

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(Editor's Note: Eric Starvo Galt was identified Friday afternoon by the FBI as James Earl Ray, a prison escapee.)

By DAVID LARSEN

(C) 1968, Denver Post-Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — Eric Starvo Galt, prime suspect in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., emerged Thursday as:

—A fervent supporter of the presidential bid of former Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace.

—An anti-Negro who once got into a wild argument at a Hollywood cocktail lounge with a girl who defended Negroes.

—A man who made at least one mysterious trip in recent months to New Orleans, a fact which appears to be of great interest to the FBI.

—A steady drinker, alternately moody and contentious in public.

This picture came into focus as the result of a series of exclusive interviews conducted by the Los Angeles Times with persons who knew Galt when he lived here.

ALIAS SUSPECTED

A songwriter whom Galt drove to New Orleans and back in a white Mustang in December said he had a strong impression that the suspect was not using his right name.

The statement was made by Charles Stein, 38, who was offered the free ride after he agreed to add his signature to the drive by Wallace to qualify for a place on the California June primary ballot.

Stein and his sister, Rita, made the arrangements. While at the Sultan Room, a lounge at 5533½ Hollywood Blvd., she had let it be known that her two children had to return soon from her sister's place in New Orleans. Galt let it be known that he would be going there.

Stein appeared at the Sultan Room that same night and Galt agreed to take him along to fetch the children if Stein would sign up for Wallace.

The next day, Stein said, Galt picked him up at the sister's home and drove him to the Wallace headquarters.

"I thought he was some kind of politician," Stein recalled. "I got the impression they all knew him."

VIEW DISPUTED

Robert Walters, campaign coordinator for Wallace in California, disputed this, "We checked all of our name files here — particularly those from

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the North Hollywood office — and found nothing under the name of Galt or the other names he reportedly used," Walters said.

Stein said that after he had registered for Wallace's American Independent party, he and Galt departed that afternoon on the two-day trip to New Orleans.

Galt did not disclose why he was making the drive. He told his passenger he "knew some people there." He said he had been there before.

While passing through Texas, according to the songwriter, Galt made several long-distance calls from phone booths, but declined to discuss any of them.

Stein said Galt went to uncommon pains to impress upon him his name, emphasizing it in unnecessary ways, such as when they checked in at motels.

"I think he was establishing a fictitious identity," Stein said. "I got these vibrations. I don't think it was his real name."

Galt told his passenger he had just sold a bar in Mexico. "I didn't believe it," Stein said. "His Spanish was too touristy."

During the drive the suspect also remarked that he liked to hunt, Stein said.

Stein said he believes the suspect made a subsequent trip to New Orleans. "I heard he was asking people if they wanted him to drop anything off while he was down there," Stein said.

Stein said FBI agents have been visiting him almost every day, showing great interest in the suspect's activities in New Orleans.

He said, however, that he and Galt went their separate ways while in that city, and he had no idea what his companion was up to.

At the time of the trip, Galt was staying in a Los Angeles apartment. Residents there either did not know or remained tight-lipped about him.

However, Galt subsequently moved to a hotel, the St. Francis, at 5533 Hollywood Blvd. One block away is a cocktail lounge known as the Rabbits Foot Club.

The crowd there remembers Eric Starvo Galt very well.

"Until three or four weeks ago, according to bartender Bo Del Monte, Galt was a nightly patron.

He would come in at around 9 p.m., perch on a stool near the door and order the first of several screwdrivers (vodka and orange juice).

Adele Lewis, who was working there at the time, recalled that Galt often got into arguments when he tried to strike up conversations.

"He once asked if he could buy me a drink," she said. "Since I was working, I said no."

"Huh, you think you're too good," Galt bristled.

DISPUTE RECALLED

But the thing everybody at the Rabbits Foot Club remembers most about Galt is the big dispute he got into.

Jim Morrison, who was the bartender that night, recalled that Galt had begun talking with a young woman named Pattie. Somehow the conversation turned to Negroes, and she declared them to be "good people."

Suddenly, Galt began dragging her by the arm toward the door.

"I'll drop you off in Watts and we'll see how you like it there," Galt shouted.

Del Monte said another customer who had been dating the girl followed the pair outside, and Galt fled.

A short time later, according to Del Monte, a Negro was struck in the head by a rock while in a nearby parking lot.

Morrison remembered that as Galt would sit at the bar, sipping his screwdriver, he often preached his support of Wallace.

"He's the man we want," the bartender quoted Galt as saying.

Del Monte said Galt once tried to begin a conversation with a Negro girl, but that she walked away from him.

Nobody interviewed at the Rabbits Foot Club remembered Galt furnishing his name. In fact, nobody realized who he was until his picture appeared in newspapers on Thursday.

Del Monte said the photo of Galt with his eyes closed caused an immediate recollection. "That's the way he sat here," the bartender said. "When he wasn't talking, he would sit sort of dozing."

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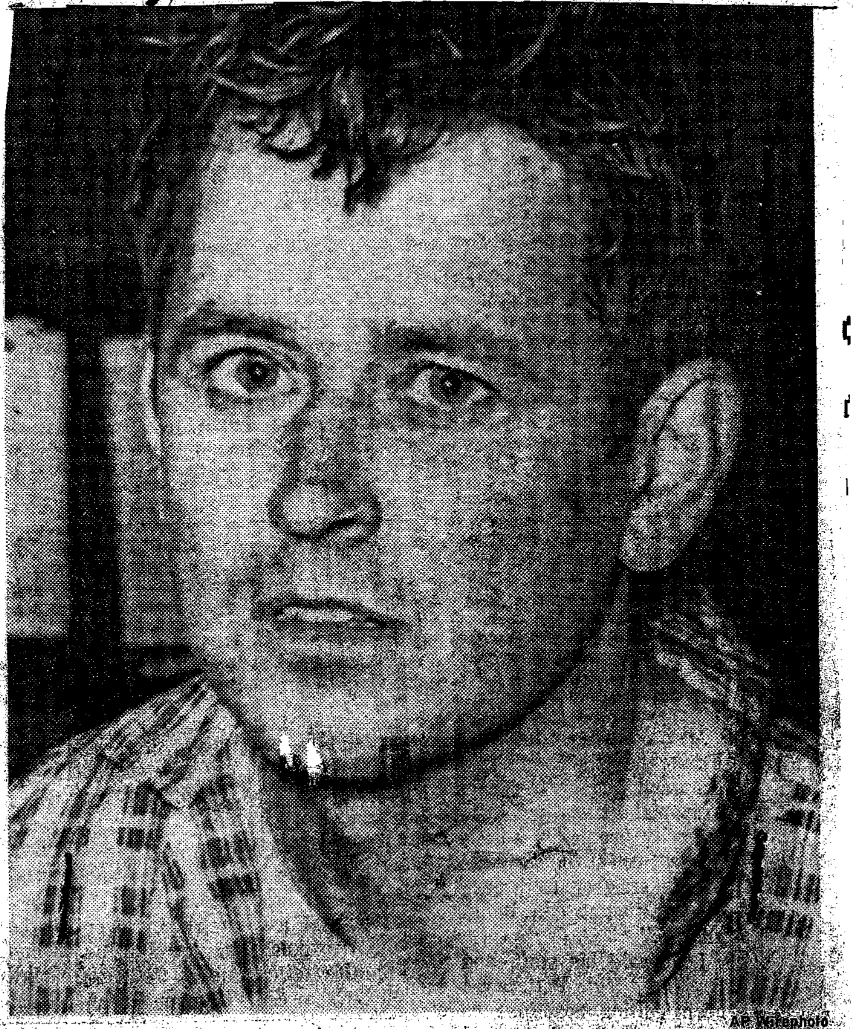
'Galt' Identified as Escapee



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IDENTIFIED AS ESCAPEE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY
The FBI said this man, who went under the name of Eric Starvo Galt actually is James Earl Ray, 40, wanted in killing of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This photo was taken in 1959 when Ray was arrested on a robbery charge.

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FBI Names Suspect As James Earl Ray

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The FBI Friday identified Eric Starvo Galt, wanted for the killing of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as James Earl Ray, 40, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The FBI said he was identified through "a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints" uncovered in the King case against the fingerprints of the more than 53,000 persons for whom notices are on file in the bureau's identification division.

Ray was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City April 23, 1967. He was serving a 20-year sentence for an armed robbery in St. Louis and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission.

Ray, who had been at the prison since March 17, 1960, spent some time in September 1966 in the maximum security ward at the state hospital in Fulton, Mo.

The man known as Galt was charged Wednesday with the first-degree murder of King April 4 in Memphis, Tenn. He also is charged in a federal warrant with conspiracy and murder in the King assassination.

A drifter since he left school in the 10th grade at Alton, Ill., Ray served as an enlisted man in the Army from February 1946 to December 1948 when he was given a general discharge for ineptness and lack of adaptability, the FBI said.

During his Army career he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and "breaking" arrest.

The FBI said Ray has an arrest record dating at least to 1949, when he was convicted for burglary in Los Angeles. He also was convicted in 1952 for armed robbery in Chicago and in 1955 for forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri.

He has served terms in a Los Angeles County jail, state prison at Joliet and Pontiac, Ill., and a federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

The FBI said Ray has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

Ray claims to have been born [redacted] in Illinois. The Alton city clerk said he was born there. Ray is about 5-feet-10, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair and two scars: A small one on the center of his forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

He has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

The FBI said Ray has been a federal fugitive since July 20, 1967, when an FBI complaint was filed at Jefferson City charging him with unlawfully fleeing from Missouri to avoid confinement.

Wednesday, the FBI had distributed "wanted" posters on Eric Starvo Galt and reportedly was searching for him in California.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JERRY A. KING

SUBJECT: MURKIN
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 11:35 pm, this date, WALTER BETTS, Yellow Cab Co. driver, whose home address is 3517 Locust, Denver, Colo. and phone number is 377-8079, advised that approximately at 5:30 am, on 4/19/68, he picked up a fare at The Trailways Bus Station in Denver. BETTS stated that this individual resembled very much the photo of ERIC GALT. BETTS described the person as follows:

> W/M, 30s, 5'9"-5'10", 150 lbs, Blonde hair, Blue eyes. wearing a blue and white checkered shirt and dark trousers. This person had reddish face which looked like he had been in the sun.

BETTS stated that this person asked him to take him to the Holland House in Golden, Colo. BETTS advised that he tried to engage the man in conversation, but that the man did not respond. BETTS also observed that this person was unfamiliar with the Denver area. Upon arriving in Golden, this man walked to the back of the Holland House.

BETTS was advised by SA KING that this matter would be looked into.

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TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4-20-68

FROM : JOHN R. WANDS
SPC

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 8:20 PM, MRS. DORIS BYERS, 1130 Logan telephonically advised there was a white male by the name of ROBERT CATHEY also living at the apartments at 1130 Logan who closely resembled GALT. She advised this person moved into the apartments 4-16-68 and claimed he was formerly with the highway patrol in Louisiana and came to Denver to obtain employment as a Denver patrolman. When CATHEY moved in he had several guns and at least one pistol. She advised CATHEY drives a red pickup, make unknown, with Louisiana license # 540118. She advised CATHEY'S description matches the description contained in the paper.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)   DATE: 4-20-68

FROM : SA RIPPE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 3:30 PM this date SA DUNCAN DEW, Tucson RA, telephoned and made reference to Phoenix tel of today regarding possible suspect JIMMY JONES, who is allegedly on the Currant Creek Ranch, near Rock Springs.

DEW stated he was called at 3:00 PM by Wendel Wilson, Tucson, ranch owner, who advised DEW that Philip Wilson had called Wendel Wilson from the Park Hotel, Rock Springs. In the conversation, Wendel Wilson determined suspect Jones and wife were at the hotel with Philip Wilson. Wendel Wilson then told Phil Wilson to buy a local paper, look at the photographs of Fugitive RAY, and then call Wilson back. Phil Wilson then returned the call, and told his father that he felt there was similarity in the photograph, and further told his father that suspect JONES has a scar on his forehead and a scar on his right hand. Wilson said at the time of the phone call, his son stated he was returning to the ranch with the suspect JONES and wife.

Above information furnished ASAC MORLEY who instructed that SA LEO FORD be contacted and instructed to proceed to Rock Springs and join SA LITTLE, and that SA LITTLE be advised with instructions not to have "locals" involved at this point.

SA LITTLE was advised at 4:00 PM of contents of Phoenix teletype and phone call. LITTLE advised that he is acquainted with the general area, but has never been on the Currant Creek ranch. LITTLE stated it has been snowing all day in the area; that the ranch is located south in the direction of Flaming Gorge, and the area is "mountain goat" country, and with the snow and spring thaw, driving other than paved roads is impossible without a four-wheel drive vehicle. LITTLE stated there are no roads as such to ranches in the area, and the paths are commonly called "ways", and consist of a set of tracks. LITTLE stated normally it is not possible to block off any ranch road leading to a paved road, since a 4 wheel vehicle or horse can use any level area desired to reach pavement.

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At 4:10 PM I called Supervisor Bob Davis, Phoenix, and asked him to contact Wendell Wilson at Tucson, and determine from Wilson the physical set-up of the ranch, exact location

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of ranch house, any tenant houses on property, exact directions to ranch, how we can reach his son, if 4 wheel drive is needed to get to the ranch, any firearms on the ranch, and how far from pavement to the ranch house. Davis stated he would obtain this information as soon as possible and telephone Denver.

At 4:35 PM, SAC WERNER telephoned from Colo. Springs, and was furnished background in this matter. He requested that SA LITTLE telephone him at the Broadmoor immediately.

At 4:55 PM, SA LITTLE was instructed to contact SAC WERNER immediately.

As of 3:45 PM, stops were placed with PD, SO and State Patrol to locate SA FORD at Riverton, as no answer at home or RA.

At:4:55 PM SA LITTLE advised he had checked out the Rock Springs area on the possibility that the 1962 Chev. with Arizona license plates was parked in town, but LITTLE was unable to locate the car.

At 5:25 PM SAC WERNER instructed that SAS SIEFERS, NELSON and ADSIT be placed on standby. This was done.

At 5:30 PM SA LEO FORD was instructed to proceed toward Rock Springs and join SA LITTLE. FORD stated it was snowing toward South Pass, that he would make every effort to get over the pass and would advise of any difficulty.

At 5:48 PM SA LITTLE called and advised he had determined PHIL WILSON and suspect JONES were apparently then in Rock Springs, and LITTLE has information that WILSON and suspect will eat dinner in Rock Springs. LITTLE stated he was contacting SAC WERNER immediately regarding this new development.

At 5:55 PM, SAC WERNER advised that he desired SA LITTLE to check out suspect JONES in Rock Springs.

At 5:58 PM, SA FORD was contacted and advised to hold his departure in abeyance.

At 6:00 PM SAS ADSIT, NELSON and SIEFERS were advised of above developments, and instructed to remain available the balance of the evening.

At 6: 35 PM SA LITTLE advised he hadn't been able to locate PHIL WILSON or any of his ranch hands.

At 9:03 PM SA LITTLE advised he finally located PHIL WILSON who advised that suspect JONES had departed Rock Springs and wnet back to the ranch. LITTLE said he would interview WILSON and advise this office.

At 9:55 PM SA LITTLE advised he has interviewed PHIL WILSON and his wife and pretty well eliminated JONES as a suspect. He advised JONES has space between his teeth and they are discolored. He wears thick lensed glasses all the time and they don't think he could get along without them. They did not notice a protruding ear. He likes to listen to music but never dances. Has a wife named BETTY who is heavy set and claims she married JONES in July 1968 while subject was with the Campus Police at Cornell University. Subject does not have a noticeable accent. JONES does fit the description as far as age and size and does have a half inch cut scar in the middle of his fore head with a small scar on the back of his right hand. No scar in the palm of his hand noticed. JONES is not a good ranch hand and seems to lack experience. LITTLE advised that JONES and his wife are presently at the ranch and their car is broke down and they have no way of leaving the ranch without the ranchers help. LITTLE stated he is planning on going to the ranch early 4-21-68 with officers from the local SO and at that time will determine if JONES is identical.

At 10:15 SAC, ASAC, SA ADSIT, SA SIEFERS were advised of the above information.

ADDENDUM:
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SA RIPPE called me at 3:50 p.m. on 4/20/68, concerning the background on above matter, and I in turn was in immediate contact with SAC WERNER concerning the situation.

I was subsequently advised during the evening of the information set forth on the top of page 3 of SA RIPPE's memo and at 10:50 a.m., on 4/21/68, I telephonically contacted SA JOHN ALBERT in the Tucson RA. I advised SA ALBERT that the matter had been pretty well resolved through the interview of Mr. and Mrs. PHILIP WILSON, but that SA LITTLE was still attempting to get to the WILSON ranch for the purpose of personally observing JONES. A snowstorm was still raging in the Rock Springs area and SA LITTLE advised he was attempting to obtain a four-wheel jeep to get out to the ranch and that the Phoenix Office would be advised concerning the outcome of this lead.

It is noted I contacted SA ALBERT in the absence of SAC MULL and ASAC ROWAN, both of whom were temporarily away from their homes at church according to the Phoenix operator.

JOHN F. MORLEY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4-21-68

FROM : JOHN R. WANDS
Security Patrol Clerk

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 10:20 PM, DET. HANARAN, Denver PD, telephonically advised they received a LETS message from the Boulder SO. This message stated that there had been a person at the Shamrock Station in Broomfield earlier tonight who was a dead ringer for GALT. Individual hocked a radio to pay for gas and stated his name is WALT DISNEY and could be located at the Argonaut Hotel in Denver. Individual was driving a 1953 Plymouth 4 door with Colorado License XL 936.

DMV advised license XL 936 has not been filed in the master files and they have no way of checking it tonight.

ASAC and SA MC MENAMIN advised.

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TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4-21-68

FROM : JOHN R. WANDS
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 11:05 PM, GARY LARKIN, 4952 W. 38th, telephonically advised he works Saturday nights at a Conoco station at 3411 W. Colfax. He stated last night an individual came into the station in a Black 66 Pontiac GTO, Colorado License AS 7478 or AS 7475. He stated this person resembled GALT as far as facial characteristics went but he could not furnish any other description. He stated this person had brown hair combed back in sort of a duck tail. This person had a white female with him but he did not get a close look at her.

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Gary Larkin 4/22/68
4952-W-38th St, Denver
Sat 4/20/68 - 7:30-8:30
fellow drove in fill it up.
woman & little girl in car, never seen him [illegible]
man never got out of car,
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3510 Columbine
67 Mercury - 2dr Hdtp
Green [illegible]
observed car
Yokely - Negro male

AS 7475 - list to
Jack Aquinaldo
Cleo Aquinaldo
263 S Meade St
53 Blue Ford 4 dr Green
Husband - Jack - 25 yrs
Empl - Metal Industries
860 - Vallejo
Also has 60 Falcon [illegible]
no Pontiac

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JAMES EARL RAY

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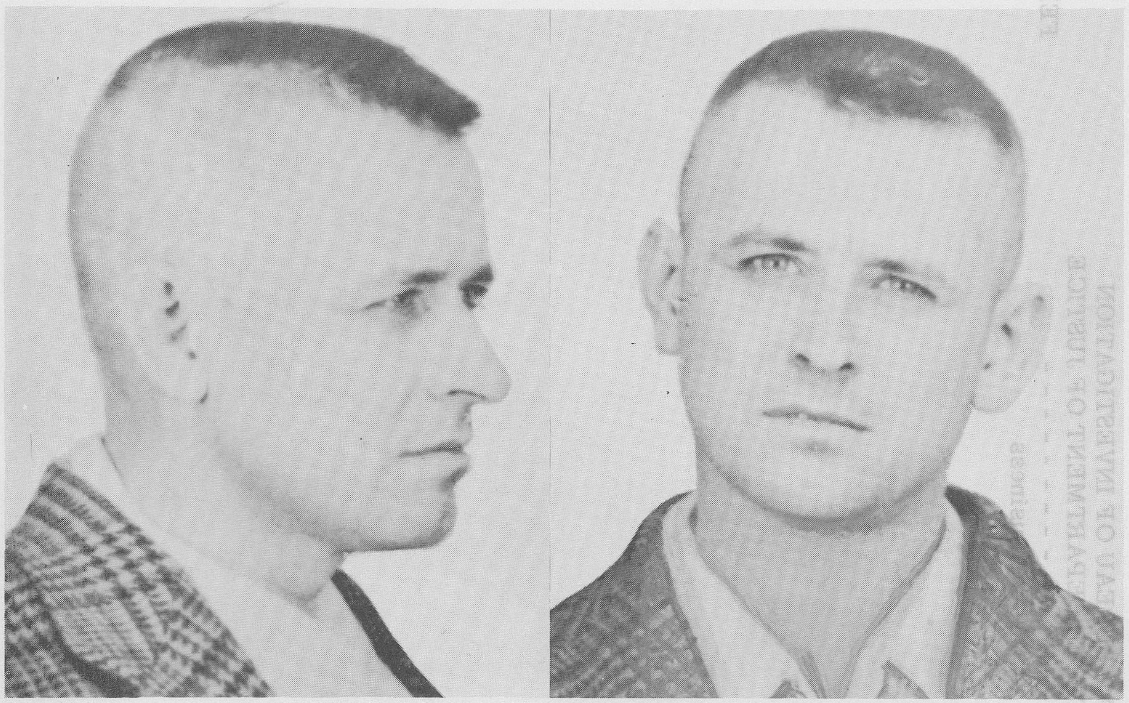

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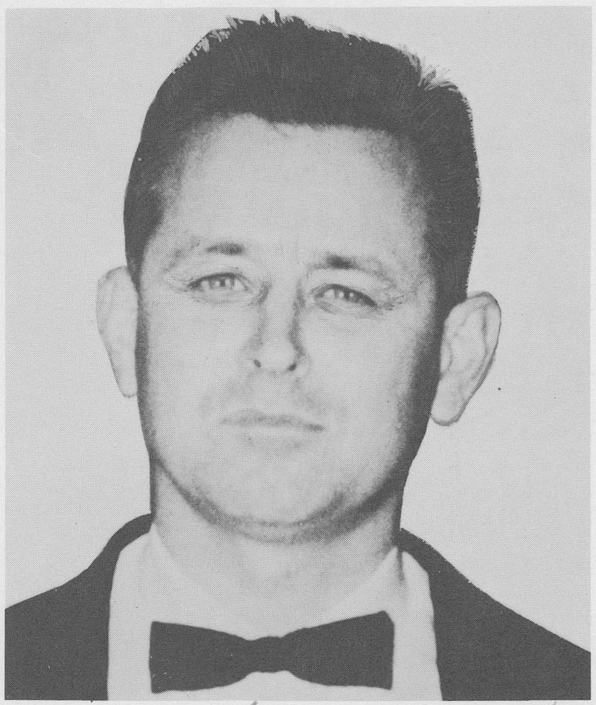

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Aliases: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim,"

DESCRIPTION

Age:	40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)		
Height:	5' 10"	**Eyes:**	Blue
Weight:	163 to 174 pounds	**Complexion:**	Medium
Build:	Medium	**Race:**	White
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short	**Nationality:**	American

Occupations: Baker, color matcher, laborer

Scars and Marks: Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

Remarks: Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

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CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

J. Edgar Hoover

DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535
TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 8-7117

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ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico 87101	4303 Federal Office Building	505 CH 7-1555
ANCHORAGE, Alaska 99501	Room 204, Federal Building	272-6414
ATLANTA, Georgia 30303	275 Peachtree Street, N. E.	404 JA 1-3900
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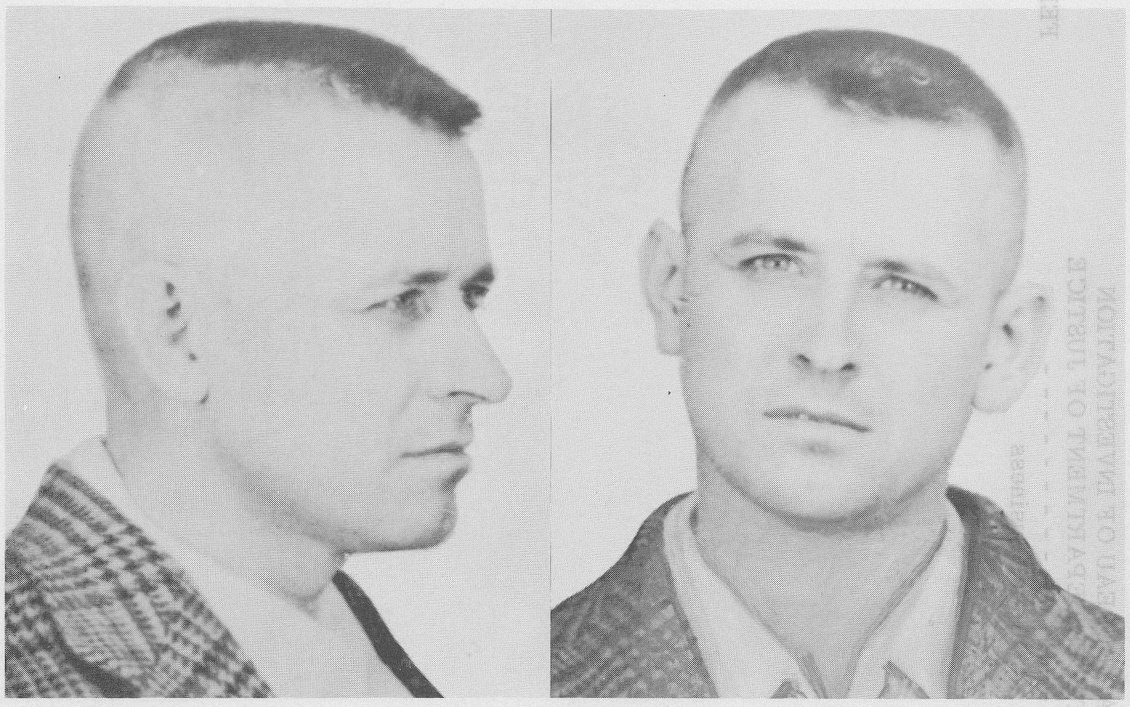

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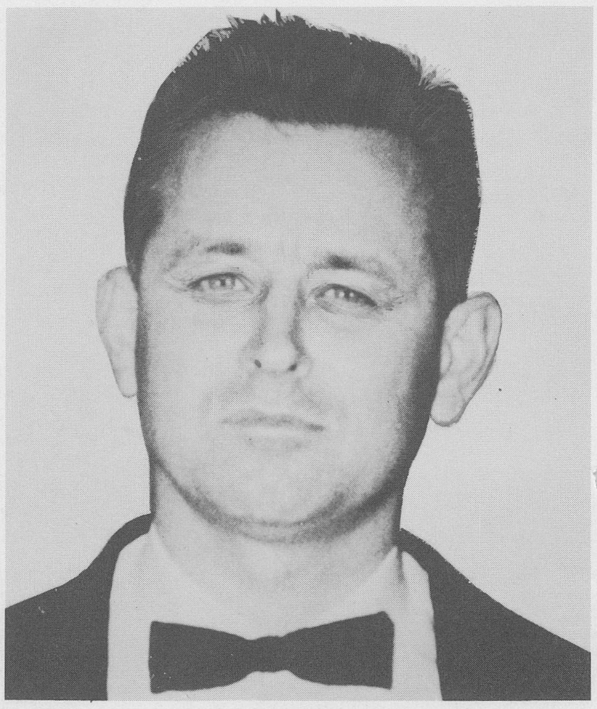

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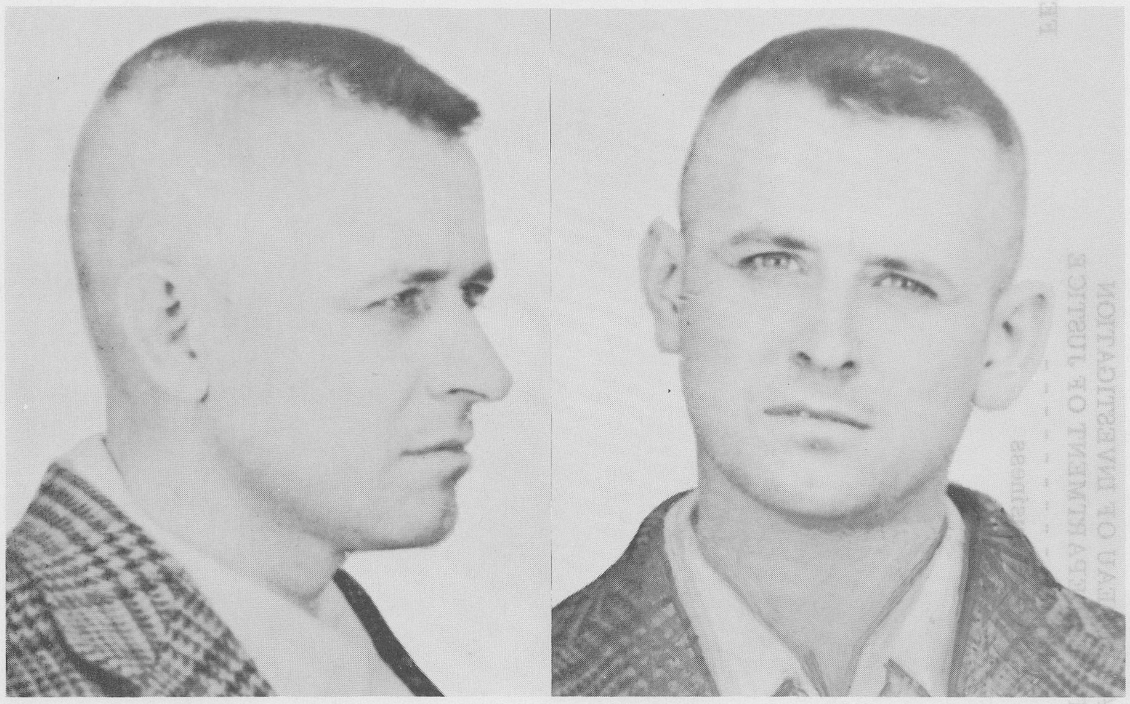

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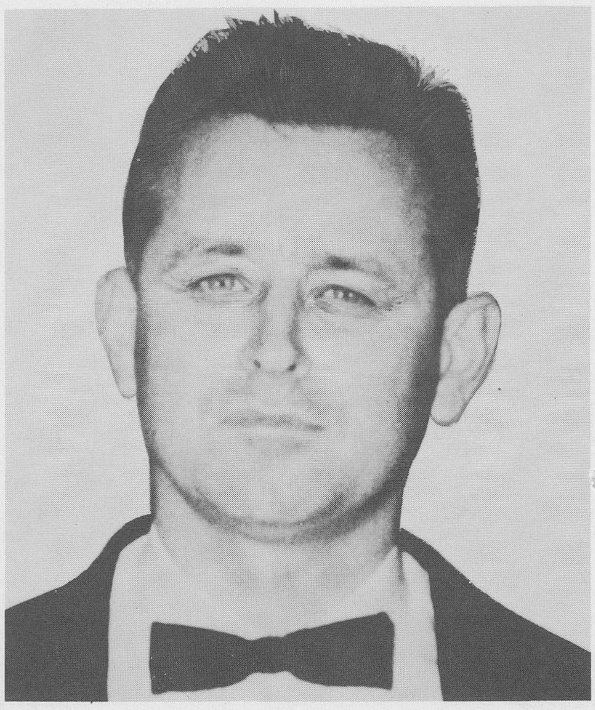

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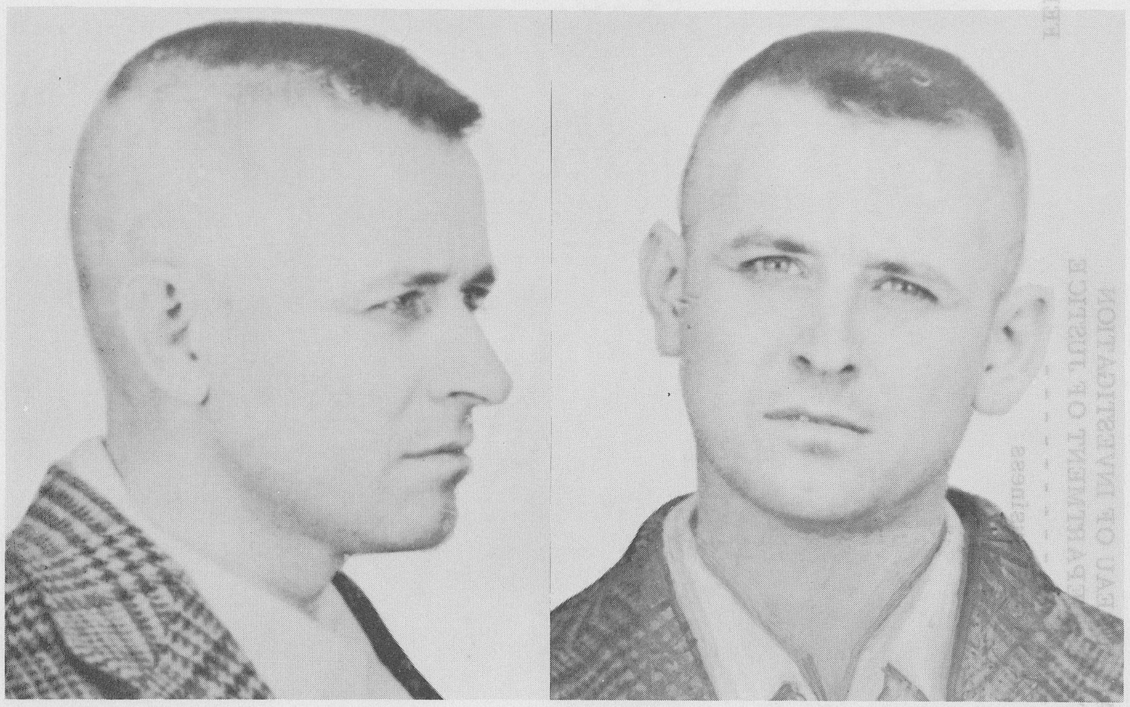

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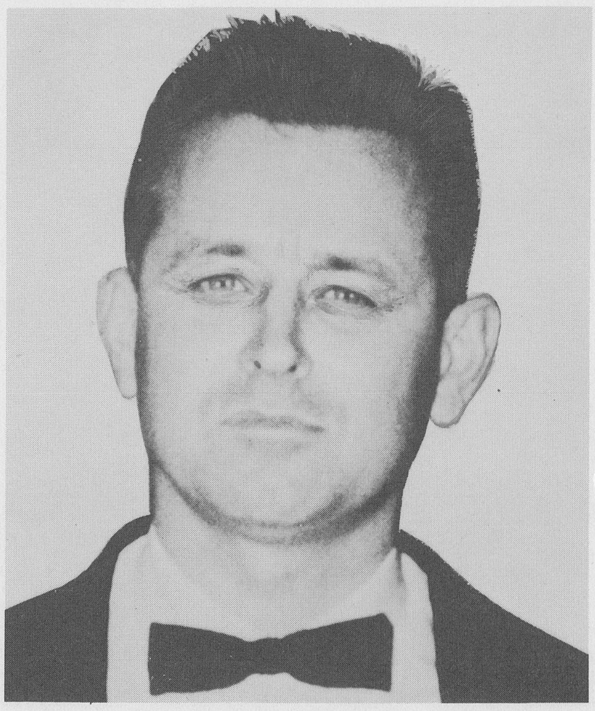

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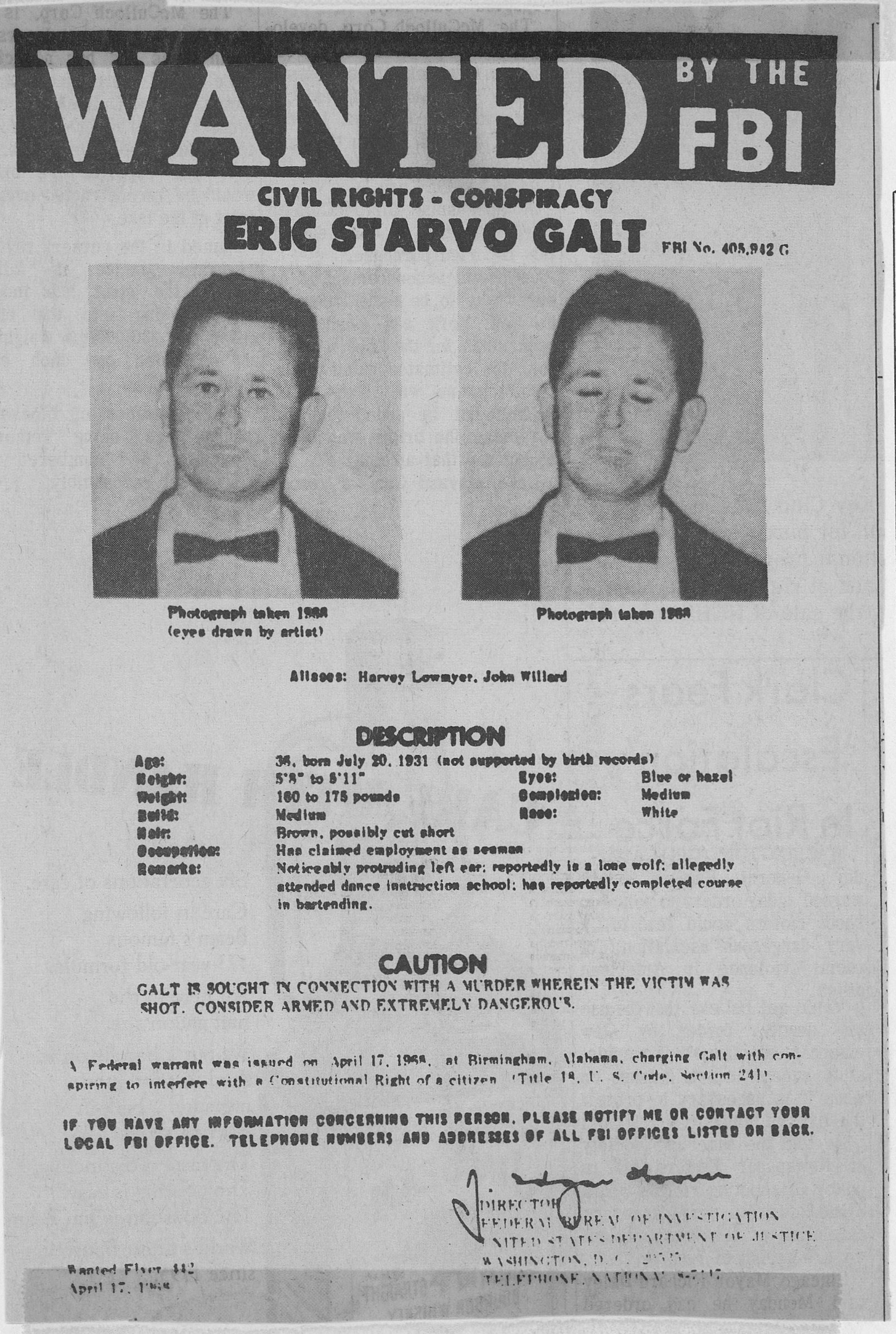

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ERIC STARVO GALT

FBI No. 405,942 G

Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)

Photograph taken 1968

Aliases: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPTION

Age:	36, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)		
Height:	5'8" to 5'11"	**Eyes:**	Blue or hazel
Weight:	160 to 175 pounds	**Complexion:**	Medium
Build:	Medium	**Race:**	White
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short		
Occupation:	Has claimed employment as seaman		
Remarks:	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

CAUTION

GALT IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

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FBI Hints It Has Brother, Hunts Galt

By HENRY P. LEIFERMAN

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI)— FBI sources indicated today that the "alleged brother" of Eric Starvo Galt may be in their custody, helping them search for the man accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI also apparently had reason to believe that Galt, a mysterious graduate bartender with a rural accent and several aliases, may have returned to Birmingham after disappearing in Atlanta.

The FBI would not comment on whether it had anyone in custody in connection with the assassination. But a source in the FBI said that after Galt purchased a gun at a Birmingham sporting goods store about a week before King was killed, he took it to the man he said was his brother.

His brother, the source said, told him "that's not the gun we need." The source refused to say whether the knowledge of this conversation meant that the unnamed second man in the alleged conspiracy was in their custody.

A check of rooming house operators in Birmingham revealed that within the past three days, FBI agents have been making the rounds asking them if a man answering Galt's description had stayed with them in the past two weeks.

The FBI charged Galt in a warrant Wednesday with conspiring to violate the civil rights of King, slain by a sniper in Memphis April 4. Memphis police later filed a murder charge against Galt. Only the FBI warrant mentioned the "alleged brother," and it did not include him in the charge.

The FBI also released a photograph of Galt, 36, described as a "loner" with a "rural quality" in his voice. There was immediate conflict or uncertainty among witnesses who said they had seen Galt.

"No, that's not him," said Peter Cherpes, operator of a rooming house where Galt stayed from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967.

"I can't be sure," said Percy Strickland, a roomer at the house.

The woman who runs the Memphis flophouse from where the killer shot King as the Negro leader stood on his motel balcony also was undecided about the picture. "I just don't know if it's him" said Mrs. Bessie Brewer.

But the FBI insisted the picture was of Galt. "It's him, all right," said Joseph H. Gamble, special agent in charge of the Birmingham FBI office. He said the photograph was taken this year, "in March, I think."

The FBI issued two pictures of Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmeyer and John Willard. Galt's eyes were closed in one photo. The other featured eyes sketched in bv an FBI artist.

The FBI complaint, filed in Birmingham, charged that Galt and an individual "whom he alleged to be his brother entered into a conspiracy" to harm King, and Galt purchased a rifle in Birmingham about March 30.

Trace Weapon

A 30.06-caliber Remington pump rifle with a telescope sight was found near the Memphis flophouse and FBI agents traced the weapon to a Birmingham sporting goods store were records showed it was sold to Galt.

A white Mustang car— resembling one seen speeding from the murder scene— was found abandoned in Atlanta the day after the slaying. It was registered to Galt at a Birmingham rooming house, where residents had not seen him in three months. The FBI said Galt purchased the 1966 car from a private citizen in Brimingham last August and put 19,000 miles on it— driving to such places as Los Angeles, New Orleans and Mexico.

According to the FBI, Galt claimed to be a riverboat cook and merchant seaman and was an avid dancer with a preference for country and western music. He also likes beer and vodka, the FBI said, and "probably does not have a high degree of education."

Agents said Galt took a course at a bartending school in Los Angeles this year and graduated March 2.

The FBI said Galt had a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an earlobe with his [illegible]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SA CHARLIE E. GUNTER, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re telephone call from Denver office 4/18/68.

At 6:14 PM, 4/18/68, this SA received a telephone call from the Denver office and was advised that a man by the name of JOHN BRENNAN, who was at telephone number 234-9001 in Casper, Wyoming, allegedly had some information on captioned case.

Contact was made with this person telephonically, and later he was interviewed in person.

He identified himself as JOHN BERHARD BRENNAN, Jr., of Beaver Brook, Pennsylvania. He alleged that one ANN RAND, author, had something to do with the conspiracy involved in the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. He learned this by reading her books. He also stated that he believed GALT to be in California. He was asked how he know GALT was in California, and he stated "I just feel it".

Conversation with BRENNAN elicited the information that he has been in mental hospitals 4 times, has been an alcoholic for 10 - 12 years. He is 29 years of age. He had Selective Service cards and Social Security card in this name. He claimed the power to communicate with his girl friend by ESP. At one time he mentioned this girl was in California, and another time in Fargo, N. D. He said that he and his lawyer had just beaten a sanity hearing board in Fargo, N. D., which had attempted to declare him insane.

It is obvious from conversation that this person is mentally unbalanced, and no credence can be given to his stories.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

DATE: 4/20/68

FROM : SA JESSE C. HORNBACK

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rememo SA RALPH B. RIPPE, 4/17/68, and telephone call from SA RIPPE same date.

Efforts were made to travel to Laramie, Wyoming on 4/17/68, however the roads were closed between Cheyenne and Laramie that day and were not opened to vehicular travel until the morning of 4/18/68. However, Detective FRANK HOADLEY, Laramie PD, was telephonically contacted on the afternoon of 4/17/68, and he advised that PAUL HAMLEN LEDWELL could not make bond and would be available for interview on 4/18/68.

On 4/18/68, Detective HOADLEY furnished the following information in addition to that which he furnished to SA RIPPE on 4/17/68:

HOADLEY contacted Dr. WILLIAM S. BENNETT, Laramie, who advised LEDWELL visited his office on 4/16/68, and asked for dexatrene because he was a jockey and wanted it to curb his appetite to enable him to lose weight but did not mention that he had recently obtained any of this medicine. LEDWELL then had the prescription filled at Condit Drugs in Laramie. LEDWELL was in possession of business cards of Dr. ERNEST SCHWARTZ, 2243 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco; Dr. T. K. COLLES, 411 East Taylor Street, Nevada, showing appointment for 2/14/68; Dr. ROBERT R. WALL and Dr. JAMES M. NUGENT, 3254, San Francisco; Dr. GEORGE A. CANN (appointment card) showing no address or date; receipt of Dr. ERNEST SCHWARTZ dated 3/13/68, for physical examination of PAUL LEDWELL; statement of Dr. NATHAN MANN, 1904 Franklin Street, Oakland, dated 3/15/68, for services rendered to PAUL H. LEDWELL, 29 Coleridge, Street, San Francisco; ~~3/15/68~~ receipts for paid prescriptions of LEDWELL issued by Pay Less Drug Stores at Oakland on 3/20/68, and 3/27/68; card bearing name of Dr. EARL K. LARSON, 519 8th Street, Rawlins, Wyoming, $5.00. LEDWELL was in possession of a letter from LEE E. THOMISON, Trainer, to the New Mexico State Racing Commission, State Capitol Building, Santa Fe, New Mexico, with the date torn off, indicating that on or about 11/21/67, THOMISON had contacted the Nex Mexico State Racing Commission stating LEDWELL had been employed on his ranch breaking and training thoroughbred stock and was interested in being re-instated as a jockey. LEDWELL was in possession of a receipt dated 4/15/68, indicating he had purchased from JOE W. SPEED, Saratoga, Wyoming, for $35.00, a Regent .22 caliber revolver, Serial No. $13390. This is the revolver in possession of LEDWELL when arrested at Laramie and was unloaded at the time of arrest. HOADLEY said the revolver appeared to be in poor condition and he did not believe it would fire. The revolver was confiscated by the Police Magistrate at Laramie. LEDWELL was in possession of Receipt No. 4354416 dated 2/23/68, indicating his address as 29 Coleridge Street, San Francisco, and that he had paid $2.50 to obtain the U. S. Merchant Mariner's Document #Z-758524-D4.

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